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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Until recently the situation of broadband in San Francisco was unbelievable. I had moved here from abroad, where I was paying ~\$40/m for 40Mbps symmetric with no cap five years ago. In SF the same connection was \$80, with a cap via Comcast, which was the best bargain I could get. While friends abroad were reporting their networks were all upgrading to fiber, here in SF... nothing happened. There were few alternatives and clearly not enough competition - it was as if some providers had agreed to stay out of the city, and others had agreed to stay out of the Bay.

Then Sonic started offering Fiber in my neighborhood! I was delighted - it was cheaper and (much, much) faster than my current offering. They manage to offer a better service for less money - this is what competition does. Even had they not meaningfully offered competition on price, being able to offer competition on privacy would have been very compelling. This is what competition does!

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